

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 8-15; and 17-24 have been cancelled. Claim 7, 16 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter is presented by these amendments.

Attorney's Statement of the Substance of the Interview under 37 CFR §1.133

Applicants' representatives thank the Examiner for a personal interview on December 14, 2004. Applicants' representatives Wei Zhou and Leticia Block and Examiner Seyed Azarian participated in the interview.

Applicants' representatives and the Examiner discussed possible amendments to clarify the term "pixel stutter" and agree with an amendment to recite "pixel stutter is when two or more adjacent pixels with the same intensity".

Claim Rejections- Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-24 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Arnold et al. (U.S. patent 4,922,915) in view of Syracuse et al (U.S. patent 5, 781,225). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

However, in order to process the allowable claims, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-6, claims 8-15 and 17-24.

Applicant reserves the right to re-present the cancelled claims in a continuation or other related application.

Allowable Claims

Applicants' representative attorney would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 7, 16 and 25, if re-written in independent form.

Claims 7, 16 and 25 have been re-written in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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In addition, for purpose of clarity, claims 7, 16 and 25 have been amended. The term "pixel stutter" has been replaced with "two or more adjacent pixels with the same intensity value". Support for this amendment can be found in the specification, see, for example, page 3 line 22; and page 4, line 1. No new matter is presented by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Applicants believe all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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